

MIT and Cambridge, 1911-2016

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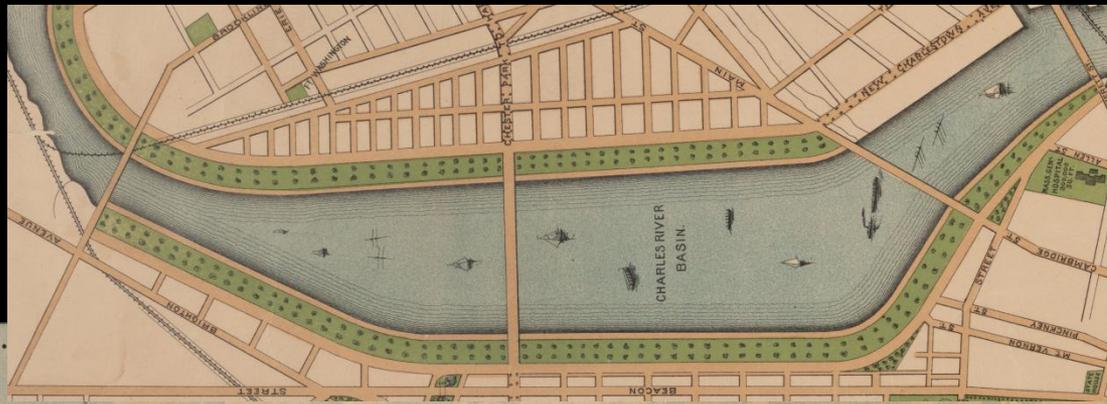
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A VIEW AS THE BASIN WILL LOOK WHEN COMPLETED.

J. H. BUFFORD'S SON'S LITH. BOSTON, NEW YORK & CHICAGO.

Charles Davenport's Plan for a new Back Bay in Cambridge (right), 1875



Harvard Bridge, 1890



View East from Lafayette Square, ca. 1890



Trinity Church in Copley Square as seen from
Lafayette Square, Cambridge



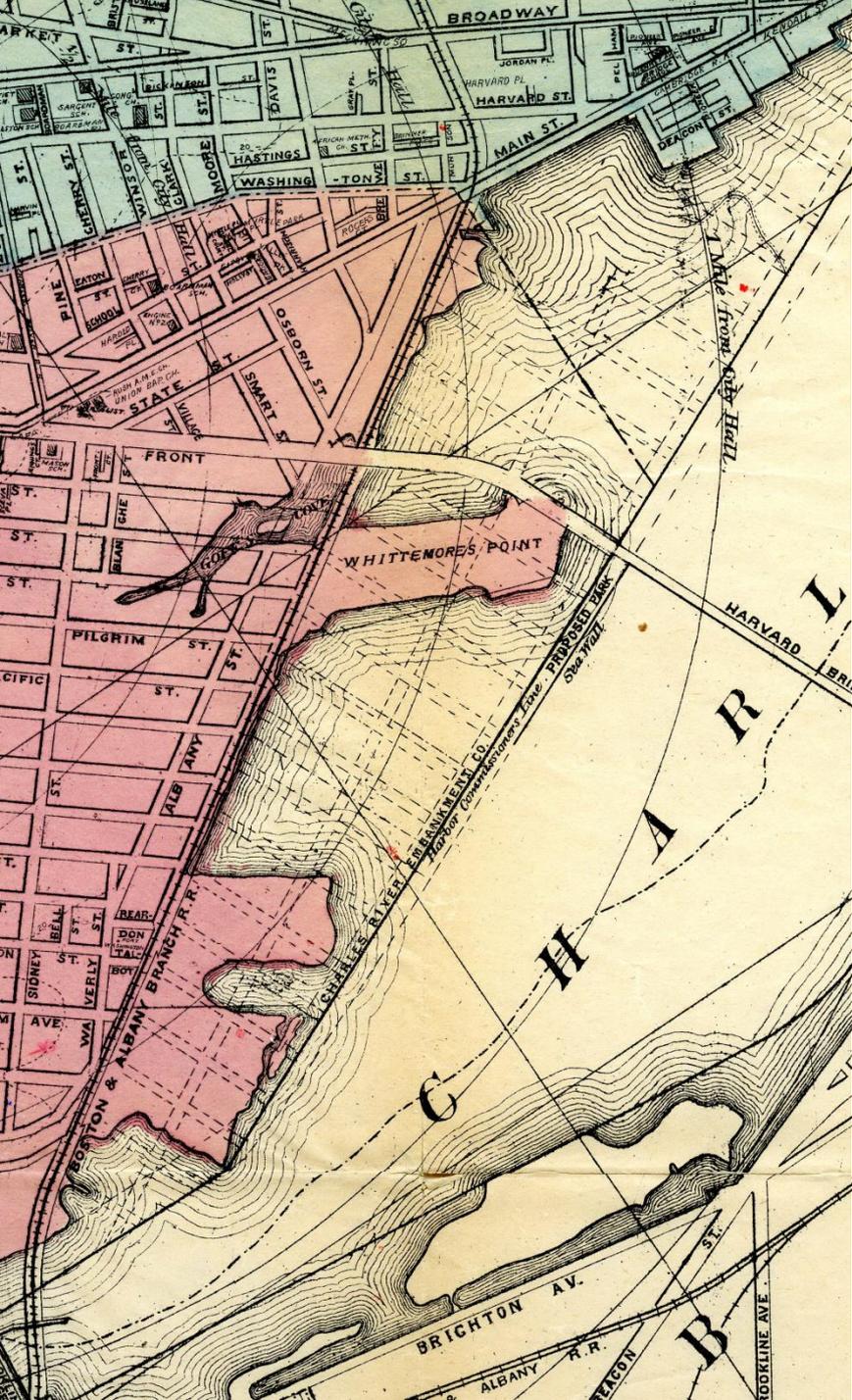
Constructing the Seawall,
as seen from the Longfellow Bridge



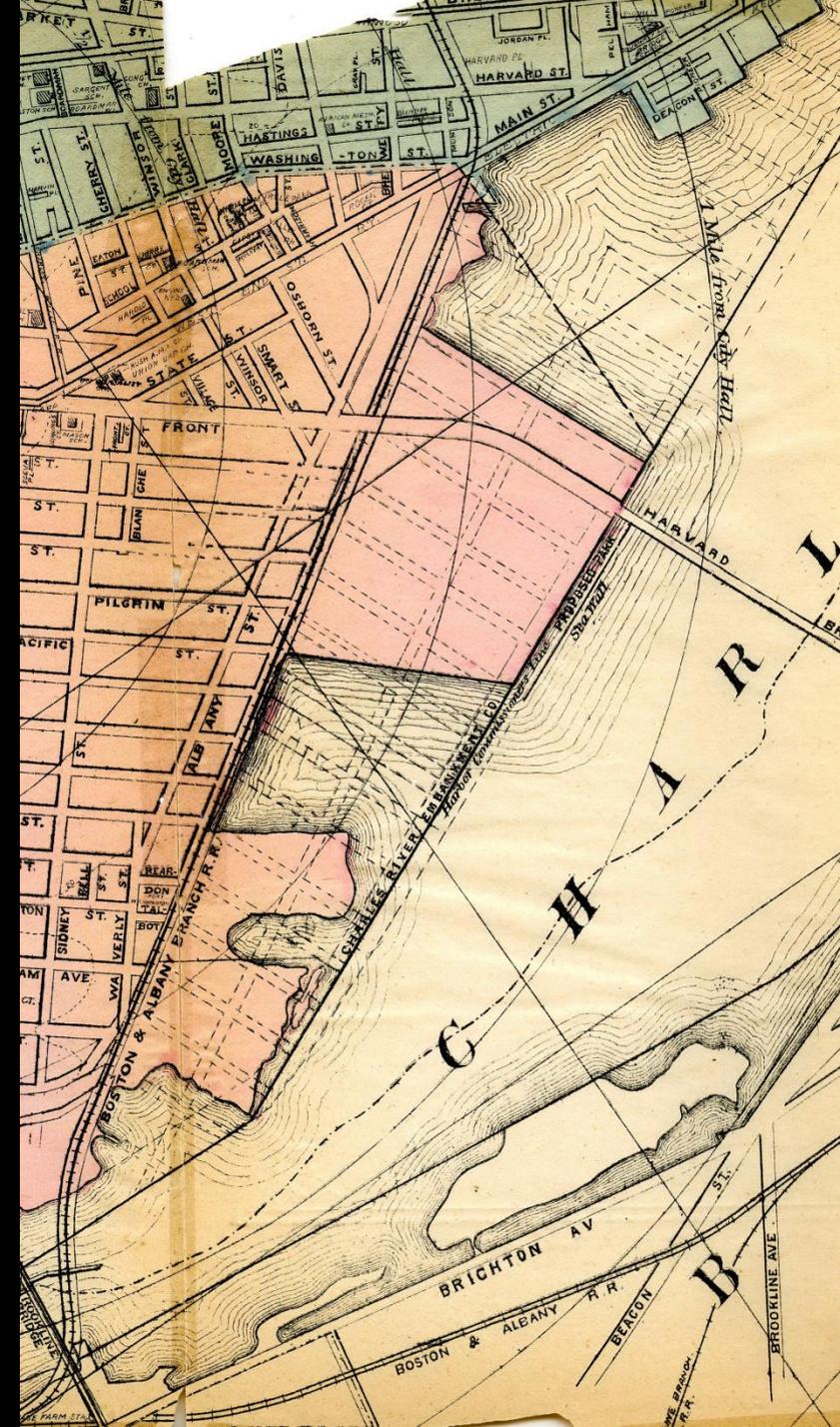
HYDRAULIC DREDGE AT WORK FILLING ESPLANADE.

THE HELIOTYPE PRINTING CO.

Hydraulic Dredge Filling the Esplanade,
Looking East from the Harvard Bridge



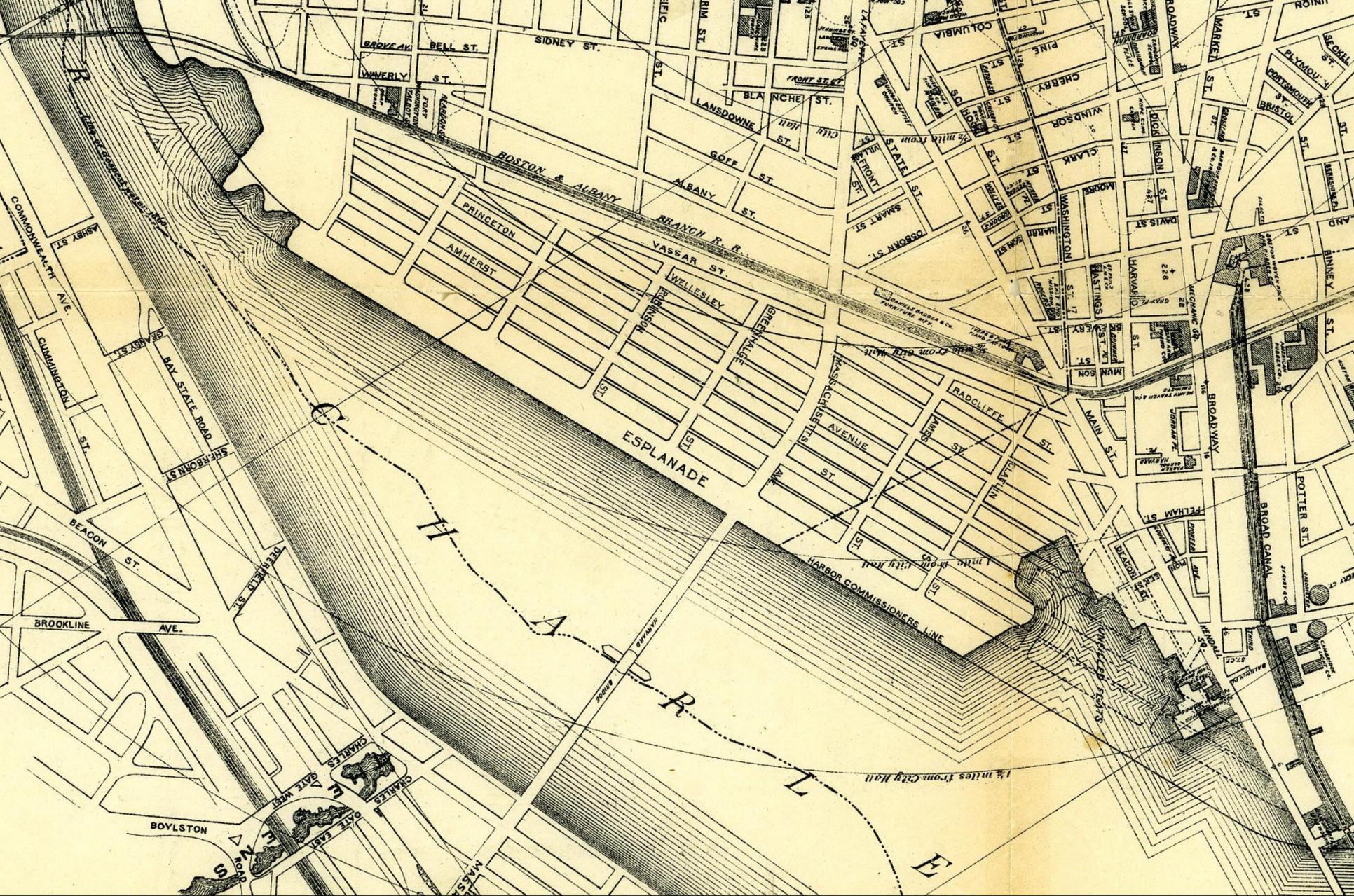
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View northeast toward Main Street from the approximate location of Building 10, ca. 1895



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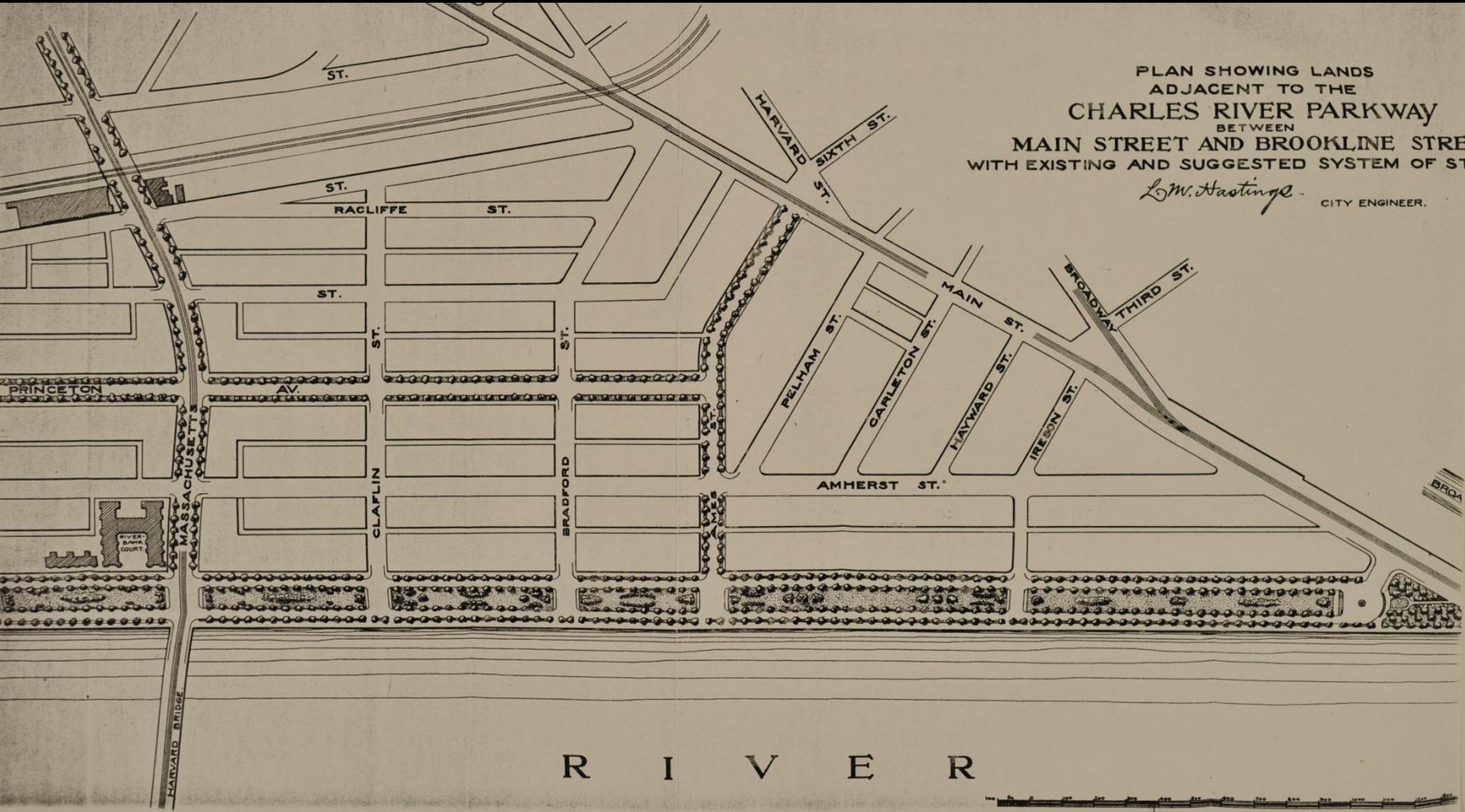
Esplanade lands, ca. 1895



Riverbank Court Hotel, 1900
Photo ca. 1920

PLAN SHOWING LANDS
ADJACENT TO THE
CHARLES RIVER PARKWAY
BETWEEN
MAIN STREET AND BROOKLINE STREET
WITH EXISTING AND SUGGESTED SYSTEM OF ST

Lm. Hastings CITY ENGINEER.



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Future MIT Site, 1896

Boston Daily Globe (1872-1922); Jan 5, 1911;
pg. 8

TECH WILL MOVE TO A NEW SITE

Actual Work to Start Within a
Year, Pres Maclaurin Says.

January 5, 1911

Boston Daily Globe (1872-1922); Jan 27, 1911;
ProQuest Historical Newspapers Boston Globe (1872 - 1927)
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OFFER SITE IN SPRINGFIELD

Tech Graduates Pay
Visit to Boston.

Say an Ample Fund Can Be
Raised For Buildings.

Cambridge Also Makes a
Bid For Institute.

January 27, 1911

WORCESTER WANTS TECH

*Boston Daily Globe (1872-1922); Jan 29, 1911;
pg. 9*

**WORCESTER
WANTS TECH**

**Pres Tatman Writes
Pres Maclaurin.**

**Believes Union With Polytech
Might Be Possible.**

January 29, 1911

*Boston Daily Globe (1872-1922); Mar 16, 1911;
ProQuest Historical Newspapers Boston Globe (1872 - 1927)
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WANTS TECH IN CAMBRIDGE.

**City Council Declares in Favor of
Effort to Get Institute to Locate on
Massachusetts Av.**

The Cambridge city council last night went on record in favor of the movement to get the Massachusetts institute of Technology to move to that city. The order, introduced by Councilman Burke, reads in part.

"Be it resolved, that the city council of the city of Cambridge wishes to record its approval of the movement to induce the Massachusetts institute of

March 16, 1911

Cambridge Chronicle, 14 October 1911 — INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TO LOCATE IN CAMBRIDGE
[ARTICLE]

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TO LOCATE IN CAMBRIDGE

Tract of Land on Charles River Esplanade, Comprising Fifty Acres,
Selected for the Site—Cost Will Be Three-Quarters of a Million—
Statement From Special Committee of Corporation

If the propositions of the special corporation of the Institute of Technology meeting of the afternoon, and will be the best technical college for the purchase of fifty acres of land on the Charles River in Massachusetts building at an

Oct. 14, 1911



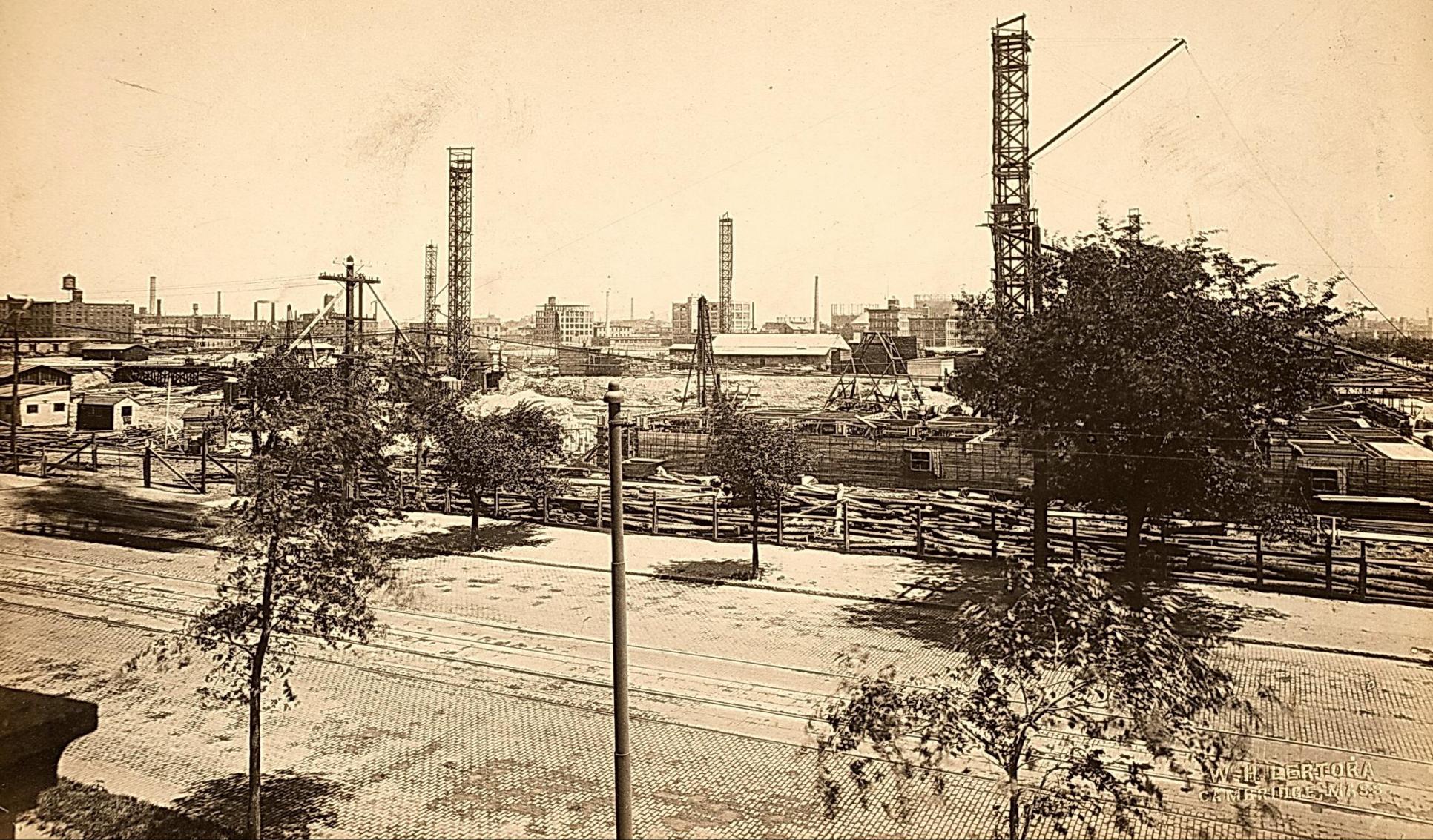
HON. WILLIAM F. BROOKS
Mayor 1909-1910
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Mayor William D. Brooks



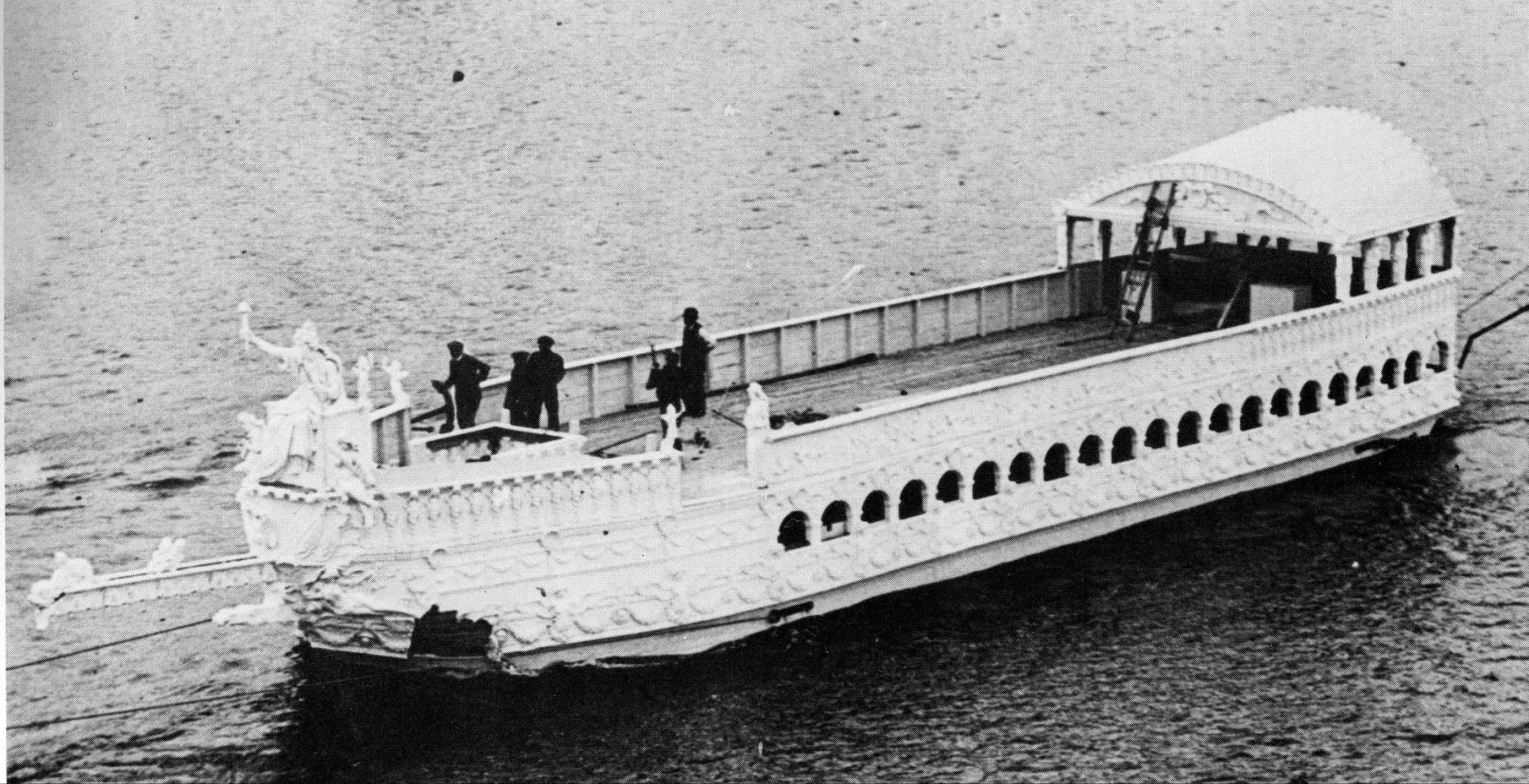
HON. J. EDWARD BARRY
Mayor of Cambridge, Massachusetts
1912-1913

Mayor J. Edward Barry



W. H. PERTORA
CH. H. HILL, N. Y.

Ca. 1915



The *Bucentaur*, 1916



*Gurney Photo
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Naval Regatta, 1916



1917

TECH STUDENTS FIGHT POLICE OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE

**Freshmen, Using Tear
Bombs, Break Up the
Sophomore Banquet**

**Tie Up Traffic, in Two Cities,
Smash Autos, Damage
Street Cars and Trains**

**Raid Theatre, Dance Halls—
Hit Middlesex Treasurer—
20 Injured, Five Arrested**

ARRESTED IN TECH RIOT
At Harvard-sq Station, Cambridge
Sears L. Hallett, 19, 10 Claffin
road, Brookline.

At Station 16, Boston

The honeymoon is over, November 5, 1926



Davis Ice Cream factory
151 Massachusetts Avenue, 1905
U.S. AEC Lab, razed 1962



Elliott Addressing Machine Co.
143 Albany Street, 1911
now Edgerton House, NW10



Lever Brothers factory, 163 Broadway. Photo 1960



Tech Square under construction, 1963



Simplex Wire & Cable Co.,
79 Sidney Street. Photo ca. 1911



Simplex site



Tent City, 1987



University Park



Inner Belt, Brookline Street alternative, 1966



NASA Electronics Research Center, 1968



Police Rush MIT Demonstrators, 1969

MIT Expands In Cambridge

By **PETER F. ZHU**
CRIMSON STAFF WRITER

Days after news broke that MIT was spending \$90.5 million to purchase four buildings in the Cambridgeport neighborhood, university officials downplayed the acquisition saying that the buildings were routine real estate investments.

various different tenants in there don't foresee any major changes any. they're being used."

MIT currently occupies 185 St., while 195 Albany St. was leased to Shire Pharmaceuticals and subcontracted to Altus Pharmaceuticals. 148 Sidney St. was leased to Cubist Pharmaceutica

MIT Investment Manage-

purchases will provoke any

"I can't see why [local residents] would react negatively to it. We own a bunch of other properties in the area."

John P. McQuaid

MIT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO.

May 6, 2008

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Baker House
Alvar Aalto, 1947

Great Architecture ...



Kresge Auditorium and MIT Chapel
Eero Saarinen, 1953-54



Cambridge Historical Commission site visit, Building 20, 1998



Mostly.





Media Lab, Fumihiko Maki, 2009

As MIT rises, so does its city

School's growth a financial, cultural boon for Cambridge

4/4/2011
By Tracy Jan

GLOBE STAFF

CAMBRIDGE — Over the past 150 years, MIT has produced dozens of Nobel laureates, and even designed the computer that guided the Apollo to the moon, accomplishments befitting one of the world's top science and engineering schools.

But it has also had a tangible impact closer to home: transforming a swath of this city's industrial riverfront with its ever-expanding campus.

Over the last decade, MIT's academic footprint has increased by more than 2.7 million square feet, its largest building boom since the federally funded post-war expansion of the 1960s.



